

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By FRED NEHER



"Don't tell me a boy who can't remember what time it is... can remember a dress he's seen before."

Marriage Counsel Control Measures Seem Inevitable

By VINCENT THOMAS
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Noted writers have variously compared marriage to a pair of scissors, in which the two halves move in opposite directions, but cut anything that gets between them, and a gilded cage, from which everyone inside wants to escape, but many on the outside want to get in. These contrasting—and disparaging—comparisons indi-

cate some of the thinking which has created serious problems in connection with that cornerstone institution of human society, marriage. The stresses and strains of modern life have created particular pressures on marriage. There is evidence enough of that in our American and California records of divorce. Yet the marriage institution is so vital that every possible resource has been directed to the task of preserving a marriage that is threatened for any reason. The clergy, the courts, the medical profession, the social agencies, have worked singly or in combination to save many marriages. But the job is enormous, and many factors interfere with, or prevent their success.

HC Educators Visit Group at Institution

Harbor College administrators last week talked to a Self-Improvement Group at the Federal Correctional Institution on Terminal Island. Their topic was "The Value of an Education" and they found the inmates to be one of the most attentive and appreciative audiences they have faced.

Competing with a UCLA football film and a Bob Hope movie being shown at the same time, the educators still found a group of 100 inmates seated in the dining room to participate in the discussion.

The administrators discussed current changes in employment, the effect of automation on occupations, technological changes, and the economic and personal value of education.

Members of the audience asked questions concerning age as a factor in entering college requirements for particular courses and new teaching methods.

The educators lunched on the regular menu of the institution and then made a brief tour through the educational department where Dwayne Tomson, assistant supervisor of education, explained the educational program and the library facilities.

Representing Harbor College were Wendell C. Black, president; Dr. Glenn G. Gooder, dean of student personnel; Ray Johnson, dean of instruction; and F. James Clines, coordinator of vocational education.

Club Toasts At Sizzler

The Torrance Toastmasters Club held its annual Thanksgiving meeting at the Sizzler Restaurant, Tuesday evening.

The program was announced by Scott F. Albright, educational vice president of the club and English teacher at Gardena High.

Neil Campbell, president of the Torrance Credit Bureau and past president of the Kiwanis Club was the toastmaster of the evening.

Speakers included Bob Brock, "Beyond Basic Training," Byron Hicks, "Ice Breaker," Ross Potter, "Problems of the Seeing Eye Dog," Bob Sawyer, "Starting a New Engineering Corporation," Dr. Warren Harvard Low, "Fitting the New Type of Bifocal Contact Lenses."

Bob LaRue, administrative vice president, acted as table topics chairman; Roger Saunders, general evaluator. The invocation was led by Mike Luyt

IN RECENT years another type of remedial service in this field has developed—marriage counseling. Specialists in sociology and psychology have found that many couples in trouble maritally will seek and pay for their services in helping to restore the marriage to a sound footing. But, as might be expected, this field has been invaded by unqualified, money-grabbing persons. Problems so serious have revealed that a legislative investigation was demanded.

The Assembly Committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy recently held a hearing at which some startling testimony was produced. The committee was told that charlatans and quacks have invaded the field, and are doing more harm than good. A trail of broken marriages is laid at their doors, rather than a record of marriages saved.

ONE WITNESS, now divorced, paid more than \$4,000 to an "unqualified psychologist" over a 10 year period. His former wife went to a "doctor" who "conducted himself improperly," badly upset two of their children, and contributed materially to the divorce eventually obtained.

In another case, a half-million dollar suit for damages has been filed against the pastor of a small church, for allegedly inducing a husband to take a powerful, dangerous hypnotic drug. The pastor, and another were subpoenaed by the committee to testify.

Recognized experts in the field of marital problems and counseling were united in recommending some sort of state licensing and supervision of marriage counselors by the state. Psychologists, social workers, and others joined in this plea.

A RESPECTED superior court judge with long experience in domestic relations told the committee that people's lives are seriously injured or perhaps completely wrecked by incompetents who cannot handle the intimate and delicate problems of marriage. He recommended that law be enacted making it a misdemeanor to practice marriage counseling without a bachelor's degree in behavioral science and five years' experience in counseling.

Judging from this hearing, legislation for some control of marriage counseling is certain to appear on our 1963 agenda



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